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	C2	Gupta, P.K., et al., "Single nucleotide polymorphisms: A new paradigm for molecular marker technology and DNA polymorphism detection with emphasis on their use in plants," <i>Curr. Sci.</i> , 80(4): 524-535 (2001).
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